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In response to the outstanding Final Office Action, dated March 7, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on June 30, 1999 with claims 1 through 35. Claims 1 through 35 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application.

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In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure because of indicated informalities. The Examiner also rejected Claims 1-5, 8, 10-14, 16-19, 21-26 and 28-35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chen et al., "Speaker, Environment and Channel Change Detection and Cluster via the Bayesian Information Criterion," Proc. of the DARPA Broadcast News Workshop (Feb. 1998), hereinafter, referred to as "Chen." In addition, Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of well known prior art and claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Kleider et al. (United States Patent No. 5,157,763).

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